

# John & Rose Radank in Germany



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**Serving in Germany  
Since October 1997**

Dear Pastor... Can we help?

When Rose and I were preparing to come to Germany, 21 years ago, we announced to the churches we visited that we had several goals we wanted to accomplish. They were and are:

- Reach our US Military stationed in Germany
- Plant & aid churches among the German speaking people
- Establish and conduct Evangelistic trips to the former East Bloc Countries
- Help & aid fellow Missionaries throughout Europe.

As I look back at our 20+ years here in Germany I can say that the Lord led us to reach each of these goals. And, of course, they are still on going. What a thrill it has been to see God work in the lives of people!!! Rose and I really love being missionaries.

But, God did something we did not entirely expect. He gave us a love for missionaries that has touched us with a growing desire to do what we can to encourage them and help them. Help not only with their ministries but also their lives. It started out slowly. I began receiving calls from missionaries. These missionaries were what I could best describe as hurting. Most felt isolated and defeated. One of the first calls went something like this. I received a call early in the week. It was from a missionary living and working in an eastern European country. He introduced himself and said, "The only reason I am calling is because our Mission Agency suggested we call you before leaving the field for good." I did not know this missionary or his agency so I asked, "How do they know us?" You see, Rose and I are not with a mission agency but are sent out by our local church in Upstate New York. He was not sure about any of this, so we went on. After briefly telling me what was happening he began to cry. This missionary was completely defeated. Not really knowing how to proceed Rose and I did what we knew best. We invited them to come for a weekend and decided to serve them an "American" meal. We gave them the option of a complete Thanksgiving dinner (Even though it was not Thanksgiving time) or a steak bar-b-q. When they got here for the weekend they chose the Thanksgiving meal. The weekend turned into two weeks. During their time with us we cried together, laughed together, prayed together and talked a lot about God, His Word and their call to the mission field. Long story short, this couple went back and started the work afresh. We never did find out why our name was given but we are glad it was. Years have gone by since we met these first hurting missionaries. In the years to come we would give those two meal options to many more missionary families. Not all were hurting, some just needed to enjoy some fellowship. We watched as God put a smile on their face and a spring back into their steps. God sure is good! The surprising thing is missionaries kept calling. We do not and have never advertised so I guess it is word of mouth or more likely, the Lord. In fact, this letter is the first time I have written about this in this kind of format.

On the first Sunday in January 2018 I turned the church over to a soldier who was called to preach while he was stationed in our military community. He and his family came back to work with us after he retired from the Army. The Lord has led Rose and I to stay in Germany to help missionaries and keep doing what God has given us to do.

So Pastor, do you know of a missionary family who may need our help? Please see the mission statement on the home page of our website for some more details on what we are prepared to do for your missionary. You are always welcome to contact me or my sending church with questions. We are nothing special, but Rose cooks a mean turkey and my steak is second to none. But more importantly, we will love them with all our hearts.